

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Ruling of the Supreme Court referred to in the Question was with reference to particular facts in the case of U.P. Rajya Vidut Parishad SC/ST Karamchari Kalayan Sangh Vs U.P. State Electricity Board and Others. Subsequently, in a separate case relating to Central Government employees, the Supreme Court ruled that law laid down in U.P. Rajya Vidut Parishad's case is binding on all the authorities including the Union of India and that the petitioners may, if so advised, approach the Government seeking enforcement of the law laid down by the Apex Court. In the Central Government, Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees, falling in the extended zone of consideration, are already considered separately.

Vacant post reserved for handicapped persons

[†]2752. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that posts reserved for handicapped persons in various Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would contemplate to issue any orders to fill up the said posts;
- (d) if so, by when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per information received from 58 Ministries/Departments, as on 1.1.1999, there was a backlog of 6171 vacancies meant for Handicapped Persons in various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. The details of backlog vacancies in respect of Public Sector Undertakings is not being maintained centrally.

(c) to (e) The Staff Selection Commission proposes to hold a special examination to facilitate filling up of matriculation level vacancies meant for Visually Handicapped persons in various Ministries/Departments on 24th September, 2000.

Experts deputed abroad to take foreign assignments

2753. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of experts are being deputed abroad to take Foreign Assignments under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and Bilateral Assignments to developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America;

(b) if so, the number of such experts deputed during the last five years, year-wise alongwith the number of persons belonging to SCs/ STs among them and their percentage as compared to the total number; and

(c) if adequate number of persons belonging to the SCs/STs community are not given representation in the said training programme, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.